

OLD PALUDIANS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held at Upton Court Grammar School on Saturday 9th July 2016

Welcome: Mrs Mercedes Hernández Estrada, President of the Association took the chair and welcomed members to the meeting.

Apologies: Apologies had been received from many members but the following were read out. Mr G. Painter, Mrs M. Lenton, Mr David Rogers and Mrs Marie Hughes.

Roll of Honour: Patrick Donachy read the names of those members who had died since the 2015 reunion.

STAFF

Mrs Joan Davies	1967-1970
Mr Colin Thompson	
Mr Peter Wills	

SLOUGH SECONDARY SCHOOL

Constance (Connie) Edwards	(née Smith)	1920-1926
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SLOUGH GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Arthur Hancock	1935-1940
Ken Martin	1936-1942
Derek Elliott	1937-1944
Michael Ford	1941-1948
Peter Raymond	1941-1947
David Jewell	1943-1951
John Ray	1944-1949

SLOUGH HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Olive Harris (née Cooke)	1938-1944
Betty Absolon (née Chapman)	1939-1945
Doreen Wing (née Cleaver)	1941-1946
Catherine Wiles (née Eccleston)	1947-1953
Valerie Storie	1949-1955
Margaret Salter (née Curl)	1950-1955
Ann Reed (née Howell)	1951-1956
Vivienne Tebbutt (née Smith)	1951-1956

Jennifer James (née Bond)
Jennifer Harris (née Stallworthy)

1955-1960
1959-1966

Minutes: The minutes of the AGM held on Saturday 18th July 2015 were not available and will be sent by email as soon as possible.

Treasurer's Report: Shelagh referred to her report and the balance sheet which had been published in the 2016 Newsletter.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31/12/15
Income **Expenditure**

	2015	2014			2015	2014
Subscriptions	£40.00	£45.00		Refreshments	£2692.20	£1950.00
Donations	£974.50	£1,264.02		Donations to Upton Court Grammar School	£1,100.00	£1,100.00
Coffee	£287.50	£214.00		Flowers & Gifts	£60.00	£94.57
Lunch	£1635.00	£1,635.00		Stationery	£27.96	£0.00
Tea	£342.00	£342.00		Printing	£174.90	£137.20
Raffle	£274.50	£265.00		Book AD Astra	£1,680.00	£0.00
Book Ad Astra	£1386.00	£10.00		Postage	£339.48	£279.88
P&P for book	£125.00	£1.50		Telephone	£0.00	£0.00
Bring & Buy, sundries	£112.19	£126.26		Sundries for Sale	£0.00	£0.00
Bank Interest	£0.00	£0.00		Computer	£45.57	£33.57
Other	£0.00	£0.00		Other	£1,004.10	£135.00
TOTAL	£5,176.69	£3,902.78		TOTAL	£7,124.21	£3,730.22

	2015	2014
Brought forward from previous year	£4322.45	£4,149.89
Income for year	£5176.69	£3,902.78
Expenditure for year	£7124.21	£3,730.22
Profit or Loss for year	-£1,947.52	£172.56
Carried forward to next year	£2,374.93	£4322.45

Accounts prepared by Shelagh Whitehouse (Staff, 1993-2008)

Accounts examined by George Lucas (1938-44)

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR YEAR ENDING 31/12/15

As you can see from the attached accounts, we made a loss of ~£1900 last year. This is made up of archive storage £900, VAT £400, shortfall in donations £300 and centenary gifts £300. Some of this was expected, as we had anticipated making a loss in our centenary year; however, we have the continuing problem of storage costs for the archives. We cannot afford to continue paying for storage. We are hoping that the school will be able to provide some space, but that won't be until the current building work is completed and in any case may not be sufficient. This is now a matter of some urgency and I would appeal to anyone who could help with storage or suggest a solution, to contact us.

Finally, I would like to thank George Lucas for examining the accounts for us. He has been doing them for longer than I can remember and it has been a pleasure to work with him.

The Committee had recommended that the fee for new joiners should be increased from £5 to £10. This motion was proposed by Shelagh Whitehouse, seconded by Ian Cairns and agreed by the members. There have been about 10 new members each year.

A cheque for £1,000 was presented to the President for the purchase of books for the library and a second cheque for £100 for the purchase of 'Old Paludians prizes. The President told the meeting that three prizes for the Old Paludians Association essay writing competition will be presented at the prize giving before the end of term.

On Line Archive: Ian Cairns reported: The website continues to grow but not as fast as in previous years. There a few new photos, and one new scan of a Swan magazine, thanks to Philip McGoun. In addition, my available time was reduced due to the need to rotate the chairman role. I also receive all emails for the unfilled Committee roles and distribute them around the Committee.

We welcome any new photos that members can provide, ideally scanned and emailed to me; with names where these are available.

Election of Officers:

Chairman	Vacant
Secretary	Vacant
Treasurer	Michael Frankl to take over from Shelagh Whitehouse
Editor	Bob Moss
Webmasters	Colin Cairns and Ian Cairns.

Committee: Jane Brown, Patrick Donachy, Emma Flint, Alan Forbes, Marie Hughes, Shirley Lane, Margaret Paine, David Pritchard, David Rogers and Jean Tyler.

Any Other Business: Ron Fidler questioned whether the present structure of the Association was the best for the future. There is a changing profile of members and younger people are not joining when they leave school.

Mrs Hernández Estrada said that younger people keep in touch with the School via 'e' methods whereas the present Old Pals Association is a face to face organisation. It was suggested that a small core of people form a committee to explore and find a way for the future. Possibly to simplify the AGM and meet for an informal get-together reunion. If money is collected for the School a Treasurer and Bank Account will be needed.

The following members offered to join the steering committee. Ron Fidler, Pat Oldcorn, Angela MacTavish and Patrick Donachy. A questionnaire will be prepared and sent to members.

Councillor Arvind Dhaliwal joined the gathering at this stage and was present to hear the presentation given by our President and Principal of UCGS together with the Head Boy Kiran Handa and Head Girl Ellie Dennison.

Mrs Hernández Estrada spoke about the changes taking place in education nationally and the situation at UCGS. The new building which is under construction will be commissioned for use after Easter in 2017.

The Head boy and Head girl spoke about their experiences as senior members of the School and their expectations of their future studies.

Date of next AGM: Not known.

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